DEPENDENCY TIME LINE

Timeline intervals (left to right):
- **75 days**: from Child picked up.. to Fact Finding
- **72 hr Maximum**: from Child picked up.. to Shelter Care Hearing
- **30 days**: from Shelter Care Hearing to Continued Shelter Care Order
- **6 months**: from Fact Finding to First Dependency Review Hearing
- **14 days**: from Fact Finding to Disposition
- **6 months**: from First Dependency Review Hearing to Dependency Review
- **12 months**: Permanency Planning Hearing
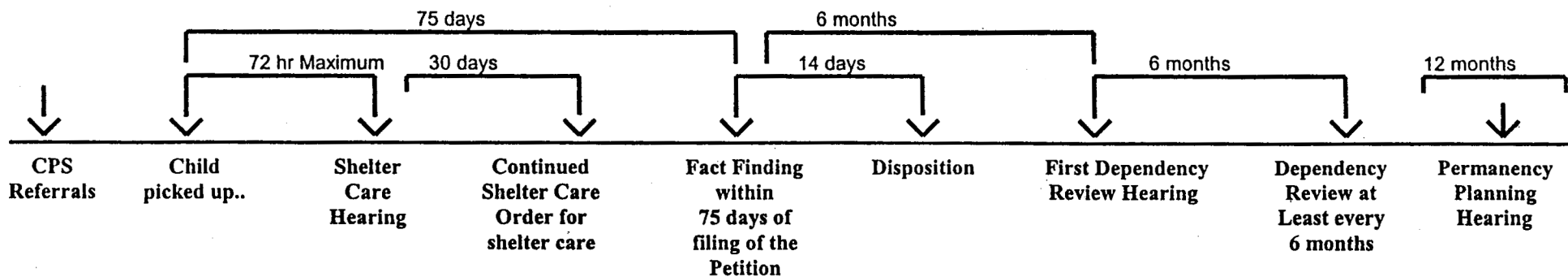
CPS Referrals	Child picked up..	Shelter Care Hearing	Continued Shelter Care Order for shelter care	Fact Finding within 75 days of filing of the Petition	Disposition	First Dependency Review Hearing	Dependency Review at Least every 6 months	Permanency Planning Hearing
From citizens police professionals CPS assesses risk factors and decides whether to file Dependency petition and/or placement	By CPS requires a court order (ex parte) By Police upon reasonable cause By Hospital Administrator or Licensed Physician, if they deem child in imminent danger Volunteer Placement Agreement (VPA)	Within 72 hours of CPS getting the child, if the child is out of the home Burden of proof is "reasonable cause" Hearsay is admissible Show risk factors to child Services offered to eliminate need for removal. (Except in emergency situations)	Beyond 30 days Continued Shelter Care Order for shelter care beyond 30 days Enter an ex parte order. But a second shelter care hearing can be called by any party at any time or set by the court	Rules of evidence apply Burden of proof is preponderance of the evidence Higher for ICWA (clear, cogent and convincing) Special witnesses and higher burden of proof for out of home placement Disposition may follow immediately after the fact finding	May be continued for up to 14 days after dependency is ordered Rules of evidence do not apply to dispositional phase of the plan and requires Individual Service and Safety Plan (ISSP) to the court and parties 10 working days prior to hearing Primary and Alternate Plan must be identified	Up to six months after fact finding or original placement date (OPD) whichever is first No rules of evidence Return home if reason for removal no longer exists Court will review compliance and progress of dispositional order Services may be modified and/or additional services ordered.	Dependency Review at least every 6 months May have earlier reviews on motion by a party or set by court	Hearing every 12 months starting from OPD Plan could be: ❖ Return home ❖ Adoption ❖ Guardianship ❖ Permanent legal custody under RCW 26.10 ❖ Long term foster/relative care agreement ❖ Independent Living (16yr+) Dependency reviews after permanency planning every 6 months *Child out of home 12 of 19 months, must move to terminate unless compelling reason not to*